

**City of Flagstaff, Coconino County, Flagstaff Fire Department,
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United States Forest Service**

MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release Media Contact: EOC Fire Information (928) 679-4159

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Schultz Fire Update

Flagstaff, AZ – The fire is currently more than 12,000 acres and growing with 10 percent containment. No structures have been lost.

A press conference is scheduled for 5:15 PM at the Media Staging Area, located at the Chevron fuel station on North Highway 89 and Campbell.

North Highway 89 is open to northbound and southbound traffic. Evacuation orders are still in effect for: Timberline, Wupatki Trails, Hutchinson Acres, Elden Springs Road, Sunset Crater National Monument and Wupatki National Monument. Travelers should prepare for the highway to close at any moment due to smoke.

Started: June 20 at approximately 11:00 at Schultz Tank and Elden Trail

Cause: Investigators have determined that an abandoned campfire started the Schultz Fire. Forest Service officials request that any information concerning the incident or the abandoned campfire be directed to the Coconino NF Supervisors' Office at (928) 527-3600.

Location: North of Flagstaff, East of the San Francisco Peaks

Size: approximately 12,000 acres

Containment: 10%

Actions: Crews conducted burnout operations last night along FR 556 and north from Hwy 89 to FR 418, and will continue to construct handline along the southern and northern edges of the fire. Firefighters are also scouting the west side of the fire for possible line locations. Crews will continue to patrol, mop up, and secure fire line along the east side of the fire today.

Six air tankers remain assigned to the Schultz Fire, and helicopters will continue to provide support to ground resources throughout the day as the winds allow.

Evacuations: Timberline, Wupatki Estates, Sunset Crater and Wupatki National Monument, Hutchinson Acres, and scattered residences north of Sunset Crater and Wupatki National Monument. Approximately 1,000 residences are threatened.

Closures: Hwy 89 is currently open in both directions

Restrictions: The Coconino, Kaibab and Prescott National Forests are implementing smoking and campfire restrictions beginning 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 23. Visit the Coconino NF website for more information at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/>

Personnel: Approximately 800 firefighters and support personnel are assigned to the incident, including heavy and medium-sized helicopters, six air tankers, hotshot crews, type 2 hand crews, engine, dozers, water tenders and misc. overhead

Cooperating Agencies: Coconino County Emergency Coordination Center, ADOT, USFS, NPS, BLM, BIA, AZGFD, DPS, El Paso Gas, APS, City of Flagstaff, Coconino County Sheriff's Department, Summit Fire Department, Red Cross, Flagstaff School District, State of Arizona, and Hughes' Southwest Area Type 1 Incident Management Team.

Other: The Red Cross set up an evacuation center at Mount Elden Middle School at 3233 N. Fourth Street.

Residents are encouraged to register for Ready Coconino at www.readycoconino.az.gov. Additional information on the Schultz fire can be obtained at 1-888-679-8393. Information is posted at www.coconinoforest.us, twitter.com/CoconinoNF, www.coconino.az.gov and twitter.com/coconinocounty

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